(b) the details of the items likely to be exported/imported under these treaties; and

(c) the period by which these treaties would last?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (c) A Statement is annexed.

[*See* Appendix 185 Annexure No. 22]

(b) Actual trade depends on commercial considerations. The treaties generally aim to facilitate trade links between the concerned countries.

Export of Sugar

815. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAL VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of our neighbouring countries have complained that the export of sugar from our country is being delayed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken to avoid the delay and expedite the process of export since the sugar industry is suffering from the glut in sugar production;

(d) whether Government have reduced the import duty to the bare minimum which ultimately affects our sugar industry; and

(e) whether Government would come forward to stop further import of sugar and enhance the import duty of sugar so as to safeguard our industry as well as our labourers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Dumping of HR Coils

816. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large quantity of HR Coil/Sheets/Plates and certain other varieties of Steel have been dumped by some countries like Russia, Ukrain, Kazakhastan etc. which had adversely affected our domestic industry and if so, the details thereof and the extent of loss suffered by our Industry as a result thereof; and

(b) whether Government have since imposed anti-dumping duty thereon and if so, the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) A petition was filed before the Designated Authority appointed under the Customs Tariff act and the Rules made thereunder alleging dumping of Hot Rolled Coils/Sheets/Plates/Strips. The Designated Authority conducted an investigation and confirmed that:

(i) Hot rolled coils, plates, sheets, and strips originating in or exported from Russia, Kazakhstan and Ukraine have been exported to India below their normal value, except for hot rolled coils originating in Kazakhstan, resulting in dumping.

(ii) The domestic industry has suffered material injury.

(iii) the injury has been caused to the domestic industry by the exports of the subject goods origination in or exported from the subject countries.

The Designated Authority recommended imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties. The anti-dumping duty recommended are the difference between amount mentioned in column 3 below and the landed price of imports per MT, subject to a minimum of Rs. 481 per MT.